

To-day's
Advertisements.

PROMENADE CONCERT

In aid of the Funds of the
HONGKONG LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
to be held at the
HONGKONG VOLUNTEER HEAD-
QUARTERS,
(Kindly lent for the occasion)
TO-NIGHT,
(FRIDAY), the 15th October, 1897,
at 8.15 P.M.

PROGRAMME:—

- PART I.—
1. March.....'Père la Victoire'.....Gazette.
The Band.
2. Quartette, 'A sad disappointment' McCheane.
Messrs. Mirrow, Hill, Grace and Barrett.
3. Selection.....'Faust'.....Gounod.
The Band.
4. Song... 'Oh! How I love Thee' H. Parry.
(Opera, 'Cigarette').
Mr. A. C. Van Nierop.
5. Piccolo Duet, 'Les Oiseaux de Passage' Kling.
Corporal Harper and Muscadin Lytton.
6. Quartette... 'The Evening Bell'... Franz Abt.
Messrs. Mirrow, Hill, Grace and Barrett.
7. Cornet Solo.....'Serenade'.....Braga.
Muscadin Haley.
8. Song... 'To Althea from Prison'...Whitfield.
Mr. C. H. Grace.
9. Valse Brillante, (Op. 18).....Chopin.
The Band.

INTERVAL.

- PART II.—
1. Grand Military 'The Battle' Eckersburg.
Polpourt 'The Waterloo' The Band.

Synopsis.—Daybreak; morning gun 4 A.M.—
The Revellers sound. The Camp in motion.
The enemy are heard advancing—To horse!
Advance of the British Army in Brigades—They
engage the enemy with varying success, but
ultimately are victorious—Flight of the enemy
and Grand Victory March of the British, con-
cluding with the "Conquering Hero."

With the kind permission of Col. Gordon
and the Officers, the Band of the P.W.O. (West
Yorkshire Regiment) under the conductorship
of Mr. W. G. BENTLEY, A.R.C.M., will assist
in the above programme and will also play the
accompaniments of the songs.

TICKETS, \$2 each, may be had of Messrs.
ROBINSON & CO., who have kindly lent a
piano.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1543]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LIV."

To be followed by the
S.S. "ST. NINIAN" on or about 31st Oct.
S.S. "FALLOON HALL" on or about 15th Nov.
S.S. "FERNFIELD" on or about 30th Nov.
S.S. "YARROWDALE" on or about 15th Dec.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1548]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO."

Captain Coburn, will be despatched for the
above Ports on MONDAY, the 18th October,
at 4 P.M.
This Steamship has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1752]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SACHSEN."

Captain H. Supper, due here with the outward
German Mail about TUESDAY, the 19th instant,
will leave for the above place about 24 hours
after arrival.
For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1553]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"FERNZOLLERN."

Captain H. Blecker, will leave for the above Ports
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant.
For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1553]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

(For Account of whom it may Concern),

ON

TUESDAY, the 19th October, 1897,

commencing at 3 P.M.,

at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF

CLARETS, WHITE WINES, MALT

LIQUORS, WHISKIES,

BRANDIES, &c.

Comprising,

15 cases Claret, St. Julien Midco

15 do do St. Julien Midco

15 do do Chateau Momp Vin, extra fine

15 do do Vio Tia, Superior

15 do do Sauternes

15 do do Graves Superior, Chateau Momp

15 do do Sidra Champagne (Champagne Cider)

15 do do Cask Champagne, Cask Champagne

15 do do Spanish Red Wine

15 do do White Wine

15 do do Special Irish Whisky

15 do do Old Scotch Whisky, Special Reserve

15 do do American Beer, Guinness Stout, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

On View at the Undersigned's from SATUR-

DAY, the 16th inst.

PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1772]

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Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW."

Captain Blackbourne, will be despatched at
above TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at 10
A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1564]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND

ANTWERP.

VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO AND PORT

SAID.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAWACHI MARU."

Captain J. S. Thompson, will be despatched at
above TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
This Steamship is fitted with Superior Accom-
modation for First and Second-class Passengers
and is lighted by Electricity throughout.
A duly qualified Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1563]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVA-

TION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN

GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO THE STRAITS AND BASSEIN

(BURMA).

THE Company's Steamship

"MELPOMENE."

Captain A. Martinelli, will leave for the above
places TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, P.M.
For Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1556]

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF

1897.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

CHARLES ALBERT HOUFE, OF VICTO-

RIA, PETITIONER, FOR LETTERS PATENT NOT

EXCLUSIVE OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG

OF AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS

IN FERTILIZERS" FOR WHICH

HIS MAJESTY'S LETTERS PATENT WERE

GRANTED ON THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1895,

ORANTED TO THE SAID CHARLES AL-

BERT HOUFE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition,

Specification and Declaration required

by the above cited Ordinance have been duly

filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of

Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the

said CHARLES ALBERT HOUFE to apply

at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter

mentioned for Letters Patent for the exclu-

sive use within the said Colony of Hongkong

of the above named Invention; and Notice is also

hereby giving that a Sitting of the Executive

Council before whom the matter of the said

Petition will come for decision will be held at

the Government Office, Victoria, Hongkong,

on THURSDAY, the 28th day of October, 1897,

at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated the 14th day of October, 1897.

DEACON & HASTINGS,

35, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong,
Solicitors for the said
C. A. HOUFE.

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Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &

COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are

made under the constant supervision of a duly

qualified English Chemist and will bear com-

parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and

other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the

Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1516]

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HONGKONG HOTEL and from the

TELEGRAPH'S NEWSBOYS

who call at Pender's Wharf, Murray Wharf and

all the hotels in Wanchai and the City of Vic-

toria every evening. It is also procurable, at

10 cents per copy, from the

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who call on board all vessels arriving in the

waters of the colony.

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have received special instructions to

charge only 10 cents per copy for the

paper and if they ask for 20 cents it is

done in violation of their instructions; and

the Manager will therefore be glad to hear

from anyone who is asked to pay more

than 10 cents.

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delivery of the Telegraph to subscribers or as

regards any overcharge by the newsboys or

gigmen should be addressed to

The Manager.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

OFFICE,

No. 6, Pender's Wharf.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1897. [1772]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE

LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as

below:—

As these are all selected and bought first

handily from London, House we save any late

mediate profits and thereby enabled to

supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use).

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red

Capote, 14.40 1.20

C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior

quality, Black Seal Capote, 16.20 1.35

D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE,

extra superior, Violet Capote

(Old Bottled) 20.40 1.70

SHERRY.

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner

wine, Green Seal Capote, 10.80 0.90

C MANANILLA, PALE NA-

TURAL, SHERRY, White

Capote, 12.00 1.00

CC SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE

NATURAL SHERRY, Red

Seal Capote, 12.00 1.00

D VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE

DRY, choice old wine,

White Seal Capote, 14.40 1.20

E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE

DRY, very finest quality,

Black Seal Capote (Old

Bottled) 20.40 1.70

B, C, and D are excellent dinner Wines or

for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E

are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage.

All are true Xeres Wines.

OLARET.

B ST. ESTEPE, Red

Capote, 6.50 0.55

C ST. JULIEN, Red

Capote, 9.00 0.75

D LA ROSE, Red

Capote, 12.00 1.00

E SAI TE FOY, 7.20 0.60

F CUSAC, 9.00 0.75

G CHATEAU D'AN-

GLADE, 13.20 1.10

H CHATEAU HAUT

BIRON, 18.00 1.50

I CHATEAU MOU-

TON D'ARMAI-

HACQ, 21.00 1.80

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are

guaranteed to be the genuine product of the

vine of the grape, and are not artificially made

from raisins and currants, as is generally the

case with cheap Wines.

BRANDY.

A HENNESSY'S OLD

FAIR, Red Capote, 18.00 1.50

B SUPERIOR VERY OLD

COGNAC, Red Cap-

ote, 21.00 1.75

C VERY OLD LIQUEUR

COGNAC, 24.00 2.00

V.O. D HENNESSY'S FINEST

VERY OLD LIQUEUR

COGNAC, 1872 Vin-

tage, Red Capote, 36.00 3.00

V.V.O. E FINEST VERY OLD

LIQUEUR COGNAC,

1862 Vintage, 48.00 4.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure

Cognac, the difference in price being merely a

question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.

SCOTCH—

A THOMAS'S BLEND, White Cap-

ote, 10.80 0.90

B WAT O'S GLENROCHY MEL-

LOW BLEND Blue Capote,

with Name and Trade Mark, 10.80 0.90

C WATSON'S ADELPHI GLEN-

ROCHY, Red Capote, with

Name and Trade Mark, 12.00 1.00

D WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF

THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT

WHISKY, Violet Capote, 14.40 1.20

E WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR

SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Cap-

ote, 15.00 1.25

DANIEL CHAWFORD'S FINEST

VERY OLD SCOTCH WHISKY

At Shanghai last Saturday the cricket match of the season, England v. Scotland, ended in a win for the Englishmen by 58 runs. For the English, XI W. H. Mould, with 57 to his credit, made top score. Twenty-nine was the highest figure registered by any of the Scotchmen. A. M. Reith being the member of the team who put that number of runs together before one of Jackson's timber-splitters proved too much for him.

THREE men of the R. M. L. I., belonging to H.M.S. *Grafton*, were today charged with refusing to pay tribute to a Chinese and assaulting a Chinese constable. Capt. Peters, R. M. L. I., said the men belonged to his detachment. The first and third defendants had very good characters and the second was only "good." His Worship fined the second defendant \$5 or fourteen days, and the first and second were discharged, but all were ordered to pay the Chinese constable 25 cents each.

An enquiry was held at the Police Court today into the death of an employee of the Tai Kok Sugar Refinery, who was killed by being crushed in a machine there. A sugar shifter deposed that on the 13th inst., at 4.15 a.m., he and deceased were working together at sugar shifting. Suddenly the deceased became entangled in the machine and he was instantly killed. John Behrens, sugar boiler, in charge of the refinery in the night time, described the room in which deceased met his death and also the machine in the room and how they were worked. The enquiry was adjourned till Wednesday next.

TRANS from the H.K.C.C. and H.K.F.C. will bring a cricket match (weather permitting) on the "lab ground" at 11 a.m. to-morrow. The C.C. team is as follows:—Sergeant L.A. Col. Johnston, T. Sercombe Smith, P. A. Cox, J. W. Mooney, Rev. G. Vallings (or A. N. O'Leary), J. F. Noble, A. McKusick, Capt. Langborne, R.A., Capt. Dwyer, A.P.D., Lieut. Bowden-Smith, R.N., A. Anderson, H.K.F.C.—H. S. Moberly, H.K.R., A. G. Ward, P. G. Anderson, R.A., A. S. Austin, C. W. Gordon, P. G. Davie, R.A., H. W. Looker, C. Inchbald, Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Dr. J. H. Swan. By kind permission of Col. Faldhall and officers of the H.K.R., the band of the regiment will play during the afternoon, beginning at 3.30.

WE have received from Messrs L. M. Alvarez & Co., a sample of the "Amano" natural mineral water, for the sale of which they are sole agents in Hongkong and China and to which they draw attention by an advertisement on the front page of this journal. This water is a clear, sparkling and wholesome beverage and is largely recommended by the best medical practitioners in Japan for the use of invalids or for general use as a "table water." When mixed with whisky (Watson's "G") Calbeck McGregory's "Liquor" or Price's "P. D. C.") it forms a most acceptable substitute for soda-water. To place it within reach of everybody the Agents state they have made arrangements to sell "Amano" at \$5 per case of 48 pints, which is certainly a reasonable price for such an excellent beverage.

DISPATCHES have been received at Tientsin reporting the existence of a formidable insurrection outside the Great Wall, at a place called Santosa (Three Pagodas), about 120 miles east of Jehu. In consequence of these tidings the Viceroy Wang has requested General Nieh, Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Chihli, to send a force of disciplined troops to assist the Governor of Jehu in crushing the rising, and a letter has since been received from Lital (near the Keping coal mine), the headquarters of General Nieh's disciplined army corps, that H. E. has himself taken command of the force, and that he had left Tientsin on the 27th ultimo at the head of 3,000 cavalry and mounted infantry, and a battery of horse artillery. The insurgents at Santosa are reported to be mostly mounted bandits composed of soldiers from the troops in Manchuria defeated during the late war with Japan, and who ran away and were then dispersed over the country, and consequently they are well-armed with good weapons of modern make. According to a North Kichow telegram received at Tientsin a panic is said to prevail at Jehu owing to the unexpected state of the defenses of that place.

A COURT-MARTIAL at which H. P. White, assistant-paymaster of H.M.S. *Lizard* was charged with embezzling, between October 1, 1895, and August 1, 1897, the sums of £200 and £211 negligently performing his duty between October 1, 1895, and August 1, 1897, and knowingly making false entries in his accounts between October 1, 1895, and August 1, 1897, was held on board H.M.S. *Orlando* at Sydney on September 17th. After the evidence had been taken prisoner made a statement to the effect that the outcome of the first indictment arose originally through the loss of a withdrawal list from the Naval Savings Bank, which was the cause of his not rendering at the proper time certain documents connected with the bank. This led to a complication in the account, which made it difficult for him to bring up arrears and get accounts up to date. When that was done there was an apparent deficit of about £500, which amount he debited himself in the cash account, and placed in the public chest a cheque for the amount whilst cruising in the islands, but being ordered to be placed under arrest by the senior officer of the division, he was informed on arrival at a place where there was a bank that the fact of his being under arrest had been reported. The charges of false entries and neglect of duty were consequences of careless keeping of the accounts which he deeply regretted. He called attention to his length of service—eleven years—and the fact that he was at the top of the list in his rank and might have expected promotion in six months. He asked the court to consider whether it was not highly improbable that for the sake of £200 he would jeopardize and ruin his career in H.M. service. The court heard the prisoner guilty on all charges, and sentenced him to eighteen months' hard labour, and to be dismissed from the service.

It is reported that a military commission will shortly be dispatched by the Japanese Government to watch, with the permission of the British authorities, the fighting which is now proceeding on the Indian frontier. Presumably the idea is that some experience can be acquired for use in Formosa, or for general military use. For the sake of the Japanese, who are always eager to learn, it is to be hoped that this military commission will have better luck than the one that was to go to Europe for the purpose of gaining experience in the Greco-Turkish war. The war was over before the commission was ready to leave Japan.

SINCE the Chinese revolutionists of Singapore offered \$500 to the Governor's head, the *Free Press* says that "Somebody else is wanting heads now. Only a dollar a piece, though." It is Mr. W. Boyer, up at Kuala Lumpur. The heads are to be snakes' heads. Venomous. Cut off at the neck and sent by post. Those mentioned in the Singapore papers are of no use. Mr. Boyer is wanting to make an antidote for 'Snake Venom,' and needs the heads for experiment. 'Snake Venom' is a phrase that sounds familiar. In India the Government has had to discontinue the practice of paying for snakes, as the natives took to breeding them for the Government market.

The steamer *Sisithu-maru*, owned by the Naga Kogyo Kaisha, left Hyogo on the 28th ult. for Shikagawa via Yokohama, and has not been seen since passing Oshima, and it is presumed she has either foundered or else become disabled during the gale of the 19th ult. and drifted southward. The owners have asked the Naval Department that a man-of-war be sent out in search, and the *Hashidate* was dispatched from Yokohama on the 5th to cruise in the neighbourhood of the Bonin Islands. The Company has also sent out its steamer *Sisithu-maru* in search, and examination is being made of the coast of Kishu. The *Sisithu-maru* is of 2,012 tons. Her crew numbers 45, and she had 12 passengers on board.

A LADY correspondent writes of the Jubilee procession in the *British Realm*:—"Here come the Dyaks. They do look scarily inclined and I don't wonder they prefer these nicely fitting clothes to their original garments. You know when they were wanted to perform their war dance at the Military Tournament they had no native clothes in which to do it and some had to be made for them at Birmingham. Those Hongkong police look just like women. I wonder if their women look like men." Presumably the reference is to the hairless faces and the collared queues of the *lukangs*. Probably if the lady could see a group of Chinese women, dressed in blarneyed garments, she would realize what she had said about looking like men.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* in its commercial column of 12th inst., says:—"Local business is still stagnant, both export and import. The recent rains and storms have naturally affected the rice market, and there is now a great deal of uncertainty as to the prospects of the crop. The quotation for the small stocks of old crop that are left have gone up to \$6 per picul, and the nominal quotation for new crop is something like \$5.15. A small business has been done in copper during the week, 100 tons having been sold for December-January delivery at \$38.55. Nothing is doing in camptor: the Japanese are now asking \$40 per picul. Fish oil is firm at \$5.30 per picul. Quotations for pepper have gone up, the reports from the country indicating that the yield this year will be from 40 per cent. to 50 per cent. below the average. A further advance in the price is not unlikely. Vegetable seeds are quiet at \$10. Importers seem to be waiting to be favored by the change in the currency, which, by the way, comes into force to-day. The godowns in Kobe are full of goods, but buyers do not seem eager to take delivery. The only business that has been at all active during the month has been petroleum and quotations have had an upward tendency; American, in fact, has reached the level of nominal quotations. The monthly returns of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association for August shows that the total number of the spinning companies in the Association is 50, these companies spinning 697,552 spindles and 67,691 mule spindles. The raw cotton consumed by August amounted to 1,124,602 *tan* (about 18,621,683 lbs.) the coal used was 38,915,202 lbs., and the labourers employed numbered 12,703 males and 40,660 females. The average price of yarn in August was yen 90.34, showing a decline of yen 1.67 as compared with the preceding month.

The passenger by the P. and O. steamer *Oriental* which arrived at Bombay on Saturday September 18th, had a novel experience soon after leaving Aden. The ship had been rolling a good deal in the heavy monsoon sea, and whilst all were seated at dinner it was noticed that the motion of the ship had become much diminished, and then that the steady beat of the engine was no longer heard. Everyone promptly repaired to the deck to ascertain the cause of this unusual occurrence, and in the distance was seen a native barge with a flag, which was close inspection revealed to be a British ensign. Hardly a breath of wind was stirring at the time, and the barge had no sails set. The ship was stopped, and a boat lowered, manned, and despatched to the barge, her crew being watched with the keenest interest by the passengers. When she returned it was found that the crew of the little craft were in want of water, so a dozen buckets full were despatched to her. But the natives wanted more. One of their number came back to the ship, and their desires were made known through the medium of a man, who chanced to know some Arabic, and acted as interpreter. According to him the barge was named the *Mutahbi*, and was bound from Aden to Makah with a cargo of wood. They had become becalmed and had run out of provisions and water. With a ready desire to rescue the unfortunate mariners more buckets of water were sent to her, together with some large bags of rice, and a quantity of a hummer, which was a great relief to the natives, and when asked if he wanted anything more, he stated that they would like a little tobacco. The first officer suggested that they would like some food, but the point of the remark was rather lost, and the sarcasm wanted. The engine of the *Oriental* was again started, and before long the barge was lost to view. An hour or so later it was ascertained she had been bound to Makah, and a child, who was seriously ill, had been taken on board, and the barge was bound to Makah. The barge was bound to Makah, and a child, who was seriously ill, had been taken on board, and the barge was bound to Makah.

FALSE REGISTRATION OF DEATH.

An old woman from Yau-matli was bought up on remand to-day charged by Inspector Butlin with having made a false declaration regarding the death of a young woman at 100, Station Street, Yau-matli, who she had stated had died of fever on the 2nd inst.

Mr. F. Brown, Government Analyst, deposed having found in the viscera of deceased aconite and aconitine, and that he believed she had taken enough opium to have caused death.

Dr. Thompson, officer in charge of post mortem examinations, gave evidence as to his dissection of the body. He found all the organs healthy but the brain was congested; that symptom would follow opium poisoning. He saw no traces of fever. Had the woman died of malaria fever the spleen would be found enlarged. The appearance of the brain might have been caused by post-mortem changes. Inspector Butlin gave evidence that he had heard the woman had died of opium poisoning after the Sanitary Inspector had "passed" the body. He had the body removed to the morgue. The defendant came to him to register the death.

Mr. Welchhouse ordered the Inspector to let him know what authority he had to register deaths.

Inspector Butlin said it was always in the power of an Inspector to out-station to do so. His Worship asked that enquiries be made in the matter.

Wong Chang, "sweetheart" of deceased said that she was 25 years of age and that when he left her at 8 a.m. on the 3rd instant she was all right. He returned at 5.30 a.m. and found her unconscious. Defendant put a wig in her mouth to make her vomit and she only did so slightly. He did not know deceased to use opium on account of a quarrel with defendant, whom he termed her mother-in-law. He had known deceased for three years and she had always had good health.

The case was remanded till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

A SENSATIONAL CHASE.

A CHINAMAN'S NOCTURNAL DANCE.

Shortly after 1 a.m. to-day residents in the vicinity of the German Pier, Puna East, were aroused by a loud and shrill whistle, followed by a terrific blowing of police whistles. Investigation proved that a Chinaman had jumped overboard in an endeavor to escape arrest. Under the dim moon-light the head of the man could be seen as he breasted the waves and there was quite a heavy northerly breeze blowing at the time. After a while the Chinese police on the pier got a hail from a junk that they had the man. A few minutes later a rampan came alongside and took off two *lukangs* to get the escapes. Can you imagine the look it was found that the people on board had seen the swimmer, and that the latter, directly he heard the cries, had headed off down east. The sample crew pulled around for some hundreds of yards and at last came across their man, going "well and strong." He refused to come on board and was towed alongside by his queue and one leg till the steps were reached. There was a heavy break at the steps and the half-drowned wretch was hauled ashore minus his pants. He was taken to No. 2 station, and in the charge room locked the wretched prisoner of night mystery.

He made his appearance in the dock at the Magistrate to-day charged with being a suspected person, and was clad only in an old jacket wrapped about his loins. His name was given as Wong Fung and he was about 25 years of age.

P.C. 188 said that at about 1 a.m. to-day he saw defendant and another man coming down Arsenal St. One carried a bundle and both men walked in the shade to avoid notice. When witness went over to the boat rat, defendant dropping a bag from his hand. He was pursued, and took to the water and was captured as described.

Defendant said he was an Amoy fisherman and the man with him was a Portuguese who owed him money and brought him down here, to pay him. The man did not pay, and he (defendant) was following him to get his money. The rap he had bought.

His Worship inflicted a sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

THE WRECK OF THE "NAMOAI."

From the Foochow *Echo* we learn that the *Namoi* left Amoy on the 2nd inst. and had to face a strong N.E. gale and big sea. All went well until passing out of the straits on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, when she bumped on a rock not marked on the chart and began to fill so rapidly as to be beyond the power of the pumps to keep the water under. There was only one thing to be done under the circumstances, namely, to make for the coast with all delay and beach the ship. This was promptly acted on, but as the *Namoi* had to have the struck on hidden rocks nearly half a mile from land and there became a fixture. No time was lost in getting the passengers and crew into boats, not one was left behind, but unfortunately one of the boats capsized before reaching the land and the lives of those in her were lost. Some other few lives were lost through the force of the waves dashing them out of their boats. In all, 12 lives were lost. Taken, twenty were found to be missing, but it was thought that some 4 this number escaped, as the fishermen hospitably pressed the passengers as they reached the shore to go to their homes. Arrangements were subsequently made for the shipwrecked party to proceed to Foochow, or rather the Pagoda, and chairs were procured for those who needed them. Capt. Hall started first with ten of his crew to make known the disaster at Foochow as speedily as might be. He arrived at Pagoda early in the afternoon of Monday. The rest of the party had travelled more leisurely and did not arrive until 10 p.m. The provisions sent back to meet them on their way by the good people at Pagoda were much appreciated and served to help them along on their journey. Arrangements were made by the Customs for their accommodation during their stay. As they possessed no valiant beyond what they carried on their backs a collection of all sorts of clothing and shoes was made in Foochow and sent down to them.

H. B. Constable arranged with the authorities for a Chinese gunboat and military escort to go to the wreck, and with Mr. Vice-Consul Hoise, Capt. Hall and Stephens, Harbour Master, on board, she started on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Dr. Underwood. They found the position of the vessel unaltered, but her funnel and deck houses had been washed away and the sea was still sweeping over her decks at low water. Under these circumstances the wreckers had been able to do but little. They had landed the mail bags, or some of them, and their contents were scattered among the villages, and it took quite a long time to collect the letters so scattered. It is thought that only about 80 per cent. of the letters have been recovered so far, but Mr. Hoise offered a reward for any that were brought to the Vice-Consulate at Pagoda. It was found that the wreckers had also some opium in their possession but only a little and this was badly damaged by the water.

UNDER CANVAS.

The men in camp are still "backing up" well, and taking to their drills with a pleasing vim. Unfortunately the numbers are becoming smaller and the beautifully less owing to the calls of business "hauwenag," as the lawyers say.

Yesterday at 5 p.m. both units had a spell of company drill under Major Carrington and our Raw Correspondent says the men shaped excellently, carrying out the movements with precision and smartness. The flag-waggers also put in some good drill work in sending and receiving messages by semaphore from a hill above the camp to the plain below. After dark the youngsters had some useful practice with the lamps.

Dinner over, the usual "good-time" and singing took place and the platform proved a great boon to those inclined for the light (save the mark) lark.

At 8.45 the trumpet's note sounded the "Fire" call and there was a better shelter rush to stations. The boys got into order very smartly, and some 5 minutes after the order to dismount was given. The other fan was kept going merrily thence till "lights out" sounded, and they turned in to sleep a regular soldier's sleep, tired yet happy.

"Reveille" split the ear of morn to-day at 5.30, and after a dose of invigorating cold water a parade was held at 6.15, the Fieldmarsals drilling with their 7th pocket pieces and the Maxims with their own weapons. Some messages were sent by the signal lads at the Major's orders and he watched and liked the work very closely. He afterwards expressed his satisfaction at the accuracy and speed shown by the signallers (thanks to Sgt. Rooney, W. Y. R.).

Target practice with carbines occupied the Field Battery at 8.30 a.m. and the Maxims had gun drill. At 9 p.m. there was a general parade for company drill and drill practice.

Yesterday it appeared as if a typhoon were near at hand and night there was a howling wind blowing all the time.

There are a few swaggers people of the Corps who have attracted the eyes of the less particular set. Last night some of these dandies took their dinner in their own tents, not appearing in the mess tent. Why, oh why should this thing be? Anybody been feeding himself with his knife?

The next issue of the *Camp Gazette* will be published to-morrow afternoon and it is hoped it will be stronger in funniment than the last issue.

This afternoon the long-continued spell of overcast sky broke into a shower and the rain kept on for some time making matters rather gloomy in camp.

Our Raw Correspondent informs us that the Jubilee O.M.S. was lately seen at an unconceivable hour on the beach bravely endeavouring to rescue one of Mr. Kennedy's horses that had gone overboard. An R. A. gunner and a West York private assisted the man with the moustache. They got the horse out and a drenching as well.

Spiritual walk, we are told, and amongst other spirits Whiskey has the reputation of walking in camp. It is a most common phenomenon that would stop any man's grog.

Sergeant Taylor-Vinson, W. Y. R., had a nasty accident the other evening when stepping from a launch to the P. & O. Wharf. His foot slipped and he fell on the side of his face, cutting it slightly. The force of the fall stunned him for a time.

Now then, Drum Sergeant Hayward, what's the matter? No tattoo or retreat last night. Not out of drumsticks yet, surely. There must have been plenty of turkeys in camp since Saturday last.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

STEEL V. STONE PIPERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," SIR.—I beg to hand you, for publication, a copy of a letter from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary announcing that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accede to the prayer of the Memorial petitioning for the substitution of steel jetties instead of solid stone piers for this Harbour.

His Excellency's decision in this matter will, I am sure, give general satisfaction.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1897.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

12th October, 1897.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant forwarding a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor, praying for the substitution of steel jetties in the place of the solid stone piers now in use in connection with this Harbour, and I am to request you to be good enough to communicate to your co-signatories that His Excellency has been pleased to accede to the prayer of the memorial, and that the necessary steps will be taken to give practical effect to their suggestion.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES LTD.

The General Managers, Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son, have received the following report from their mining Managers by the s.s. *Chingtu*—

Mount Macdonald, 20th Sept., 1897.
Burke Mine.—In the main shaft, sinking is now being carried on by 3 shifts of men and, considering that we have a solid reef 7 feet wide, good progress is being made. Since last report good gold has been showing, more than justifying the statement that the prospects may be regarded as first-class. The mine started at the bottom of 200 feet level, is being continued with reef 7 feet in width. This mine is yielding substantially both and during eight others before being extinguished. One Spanish lady is missing and is supposed to have been burnt. Amongst the buildings destroyed are several public offices, including the Woods and Forests department, and its interesting museum, from which nothing was saved, not even the archives of the "Sociedad Economica" and its splendid library; the offices of the staff of Civil Guard, and the College of the Guardian Angel.

Great confusion reigned on the streets owing to the extinction of the electric light, and the unfortunate households were able to save very little of their belongings. The houses burnt are Nos. 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43 in Magallanes Street; Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 in Potomac Street, and 25, 27, and 29 of Bolinas Street. Only one house is reported to be insured. The origin of the fire is unknown. During the late rough weather in the Philippines on the 15th ultimo the steamer *Santa* was

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

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Queen Mine.—The contract for sinking the shaft has been completed 100 feet, making the shaft a total depth of 311 feet. The alteration to the pocket legs rendered it necessary to take them down, the work of altering being pushed on as rapidly as possible, and the re-erection will be completed in a few days. Then an additional sinking of 50 feet will be started.

Balmoral Mine.—The tributors on G. L. 5 continue driving on new make of stone referred to in last report with fair prospects. The two men working in the tunnel on G. L. 6 for the reef are making good progress.

THE HOOLEY LOAN.

In spite of the fact that we have seen the conclusion in print of at least half-a-dozen "satisfactory loans" in China, within the past year—loans which have ended in smoke—there seems ground at least to hope that, in the case of the Hooley-Jameson project, matters may have got beyond the intermediate stage. They survived the preliminary ordeal some time ago, and are stated to have passed triumphantly through the crisis of practical conclusion; but the crucial test of ratification has not, we believe, yet been applied, and until we have it officially announced in black and white, that a loan with the syndicate has been raised, we may be pardoned for hanging with ill-mannered patience, upon the old adage of "many a slip." This is not by any means "cause we are not in sympathy with the loan"; far from it. Could we see that any material benefit would accrue to the energetic promoters by our blessing forth in capital letters the fact that their efforts had been successful, we would quite willingly do it. But we incline to the opinion that a genuine loan promoters have more often than not defeated their ends by a premature and publicly-voiced assurance of success, and thereby stimulating the Celestial attribute of jealousy, which has invariably proved just the stumbling block at the last moment. We sincerely hope that, in the present instance, there is no just and reasonable cause for misgiving, as there is no question that any scheme for introducing foreign capital into China is desirable; and as China is under necessity to borrow money from some one or long, we would naturally like to see British capital the medium of her assistance. But we must not lose sight of the fact that a loan through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, rendered this very stage not so long since, and yet fell to the ground through the inability of the contracting parties to decide one kindly "right" to the matter of securities. The Imperial Maritime Customs has been put to the security of its revenues, and the vetted shadow of its former goodly proportions remains from an "available" standpoint. In beating about for a substitute for the long-suffering Customs' revenues, the *H.M.* and salt revenues have been the only possible sources of supply to suggest themselves. But in this instance a very serious difficulty has to be encountered. If a loan is advanced on the security of the *H.M.* in its present disorganized condition, we are brought face to face with the conviction that increased and unlimited provincial exactions will be imposed in consequence, the immediate results of which would be a further detrimental crippling of trade. To avert such a contingency, the reasonable contention on the part of foreign financiers has been that the collection of *H.M.* shall be organized and supervised upon the model of the Imperial Customs, as in the case in Canton, and just at this point it is that loan negotiations have hitherto come to a stand. We are assured that the Hooley-Jameson loan has been concluded upon more advantageous conditions than any previously granted, and the inference to be drawn from such a statement is that China has yielded the point and agreed to a foreign organization of her *H.M.* taxation. This is, however, such a summary disposal of a question which has bid fair to exhaust the labours of many a lifetime in its solution, that we can again crave pardon for scepticism, and we are favoured with an official announcement. Before the *H.M.* or salt revenues can be thus attached and controlled, prejudices and customs must be set aside sufficient to promote a revolution in the country, and skillfully as the present loan scheme has undoubtedly been handled, we fear it is an unqualified optimism which sees these difficulties conjured out of sight by a couple of visits to Peking.

With regard to the nature of the loan itself, information as to its details is not yet quite so obvious as in the first that the £16,000,000 (if that is in reality the sum now hanging in the balances) would not be expended in railway construction only, and it now appears that at least half, or even two-thirds of the amount, represents a bond side Government loan, while the balance it is projected to devote to the construction of a line between Shanghai and Nanking, a far more reasonable and likely project than the formerly-talked-of Lu-hai line. On the other hand, if sufficiently satisfactory securities can be furnished by China for three-fourths of the amount, it is not unreasonable to assume that the whole £16,000,000 might eventually represent a Government loan to wipe off her remaining indebtedness to Japan, while an additional four or five millions might be invested in the all-weather railway enterprise, if, however, Mr. Friessell's efforts have been, as claimed, successful, and the financial accommodation which he is here to promote is an accomplished fact, we shall soon be in possession of full and official details both as to the expenditure of the amount, and the security for which it is pledged.—F. and T. Times.

MANILA NEWS.

FIRE AND SHIPWRECK.
Though the *Emprada* left Manila on the 4th and arrived here on the 8th inst., we have not yet received Manila dispatches later than the 27th ult. From Tientsin papers we obtained brief news (via Paris) of a great fire in Manila, for details of which are now indelible to the Singapore *Free Press*.

Shortly after midnight on the 28th ult., a fire broke out in the Old City of Manila and, favoured by a fresh breeze, soon spread with alarming rapidity and consumed to ashes, all of them substantially built, and standing right others before being extinguished. One Spanish lady is missing and is supposed to have been burnt. Amongst the buildings destroyed are several public offices, including the Woods and Forests department, and its interesting museum, from which nothing was saved, not even the archives of the "Sociedad Economica" and its splendid library; the offices of the staff of Civil Guard, and the College of the Guardian Angel.

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longing to the Compania Maritima, was totally lost between Fortuna Island and Corregidor, near the entrance to the bay of Manila. She had on board a full cargo, principally hemp, together with a deck load of 36 head of cattle and 35 persons between crew and passengers, five of whom were drowned. The *Santa* was a small steel steamer of 252 tons register built in Liverpool by W. H. Potter & Sons in 1887.

It appears a box-y sea struck her on the starboard side causing her to heel over to an angle of 45 degrees from which she could not again right herself, and went down in five minutes. During the typhoon season it is surprising that the authorities allow such small steamers to carry such deck cargoes, which are a constant source of danger. It is nothing less than a miracle that this and other steamers have hitherto escaped so fortunately.

The loss on the cargo will fall principally on the China Insurance Offices.

The steamer made regular voyages to Manila, Nueva Cadiz, Davao, and Paracale.

NOTANDA.
CALENDAR.
OCTOBER.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1888.
Barometer 29.991
Thermometer 75.3
Humidity 73
Rainfall 4.78
TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.02 30.01
Thermometer 77 75
Humidity 73 90
Rainfall
TO-DAY.
Friday, 15th October, 1897.
Chinese—20th of 9th moon of 25th year of Kwong-ti.
Jewish—19th Tishri, 5658.
Mohammedan—18th Jumada I, 1315.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 53min.
Sets 6hr. 34min.
Moon—In Apogee 6hr. 40min.
High water—Afternoon 6hr. 58min.
and 10hr. 57min.
Low water—Morning 6hr. 0min.
Afternoon 4hr. 0min.
ANNIVERSARIES.
1867—Blockade of Hongkong by Chinese Customs cruisers commenced.
1875—British schooner *Lock-Bulge* lost on the S.W. coast of Formosa.
1896—Lieut. General Nogi appointed Governor-General of Formosa.
TO-MORROW.
Saturday, 16th October, 1897.
Chinese—21st of 9th moon of 25th year of Kwong-ti.
Jewish—20th Tishri, 5658.
Mohammedan—19th Jumada I, 1315.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 53min.
Sets 6hr. 34min.
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ANNIVERSARIES.
1824—Khanbaliq of Persia burnt.
1865—Khanbaliq, Korea, taken by the French.
1893—Earthquake at Amoy.
MEMORANDA.
TO-MORROW, 16th October.
English mail due.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
SUNDAY, 17th October.
American mail due.
SHARE MARKET.
LATEST QUOTATIONS.
Banks, 120 per cent. prem.; Union Insurance, 230 or div.; Great Eastern, \$3; Land Investments, \$75.
SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.
MAILS DUE:
English (*Kaiser-i-Hind*) to-morrow.
American (*Castro*) 10th inst.
German (*Sachsen*) 10th inst.
Indian (*Catharine*) 10th inst.
American (*Gauche*) 20th inst.
THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Yama-kura Maru* (Australia Line) left Nagasaki for this port this afternoon, and is expected to arrive here on the 19th inst.
THE Agents (Messrs. Glibb, Livingston & Co.) inform that the "line" steamer *Bombay* from Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst.
THE Imperial German Mail liner *Sachsen*, carrying the German mails with date from Berlin of the 20th ult., left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th inst.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

OCTOBER.
Meteorological

Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hong Kong, 9th October, 1897. [1542]



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend. Hong Kong, 11th October, 1897. [1546]

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